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REPLY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2008, and together with a Request for Continued Examination.